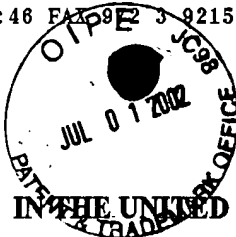


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to an office action dated February 1, 2002, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Kindly replace the existing title of the application with the following new title:

-- FLAT WING ORTHOPEDIC FASTENER --

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly replace the present claims 34 and 52 with the following claims in clean form:

34. (Amended) An orthopedic fastening system comprising:

(a) an elongate fastener adapted for installation into a bore in a bone and comprising a collet engaging surface:

(b) a single winged element pivotally engaged with a first end of the elongate fastener such that it is pivotable about an axis adjacent said first end and having a flat outer portion with a width substantially parallel to said axis and a length larger than the diameter of the bore into which the fastener is to be installed; and

(c) a collet engaged with a second end of the elongate fastener.